per proof gallon of jaggery arrack and Bh. Rs. 6-6-0 per proof gallon of toddy arrack. For the Devicolam arrack farm, they offered an annual rental of Rs. 30,000.

(*c*) The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative. The second part of the question does not therefore arise.

(*d*) Messrs. Fraser and Ross, C. A., the Receivers and Managers of the Nadar Estate. The supply rates for the 1102-1103 contract are Bh. Rs. 2-5-6 per proof gallon of jaggery arrack and Bh. Rs. 6-6-0 per proof gallon of toddy arrack. The rental for the Devicolam arrack farm is Rs. 40,000 per annum. The rates for the 1104-1105 contracts will be settled at the end of the current biennium with reference to the then prevailing prices of jaggery and other materials required for distillation.

(*e*)

Years.	Names of contractors.	Supply rate per proof gallon of jaggery arrack.			Supply rate per proof gallon of toddy arrack.			Annual rental for the Devicolam arrack farm.
		B. Rs.	as.	p.	B. Rs.	as.	p.	S. Rs.
1096—97	Mr. V. Balagoruswami Nadar	2	5	1¾	2	10	10¾	36,000
1098—99	Do.	2	6	6¾	4	0	10¾	36,000
1100—01	Messrs. Fraser and Ross C. A., Receivers and Managers of the Nadar Estate.	2	6	6	6	6	0	36,500

(*f*) (i) and (ii) Messrs. S. Subrahmanya Karayalar of Shencotta and Chattanatha Karayalar, his son, applied for the contracts for 1100-1101, besides Mr. Krishna Aiyar and partners for the period referred to. The contracts were not given to them as Mr. Subrahmanya Karayalar had then on hand a very important salt contract requiring a large capital for its management and as it was not thought desirable to entrust him with another important business. After the contracts were given away, Mr. Subrahmanya Karayalar and Mr. K. Anantanarayana Aiyar, retired Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner, sent a joint application. Being too late, it was not considered.

The Puttallom.

10. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state the total area, in acres, of the Puttallom?

(2) Of this, what is the area, in acres, licensed for the cultivation of salt?

(3) (*a*) Is the whole of the licensed area now under salt cultivation?

(*b*) If not, what is the area that is not under cultivation?

(4) (*a*) Are there *tarisu* lands in the Puttallom, which are not licensed for salt cultivation?

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(*b*) If so, what is the area, in acres, of such lands?

(*c*) What is the reason for leaving it as *tarisu*?

(5) (*a*) What are the causes for the decrease in the annual output of salt in the Puttallom from 53,452 maunds in 1097 to 48,320 maunds in 1098, 27,592 maunds in 1099 and 13,346 maunds in 1100?

(*b*) Do the Government propose to find out those causes and take the necessary remedial measures; and, if so, what are those measures?

(6) Prior to the blocking of the old *kal* and the opening of the new *kal* by Mr. Krishna Aiyar, have breaches occurred in the surplus channel of the Palkulam, thereby causing floods in the Puttallom, and if so, when?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1), (2) and (3) The member is referred to Appendix XIV of the Administration Report of the Excise Department for 1100.

(4) (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) About 5 acres.

(*c*) The licensees have not applied for permission to lay out pans in the area.

(5) (*a*) Want of union among the licensees.

(*b*) Steps are being taken to improve the output. The member is referred to page 17 of the Administration Report of the Excise Department for 1100.

(6) No.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): Part (4) (*c*).ലൈസൻസികൾ തരിശായിട്ട കിടക്കുന്ന സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ ഏതെങ്കിലും ഭാഗത്തെ ഉപ്പു പാത്തികളാക്കീട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot say that without referring it to the Excise Commissioner. Licensees have not applied for permission to lay out pans in the area that is lying waste.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*) ലൈസൻസിന് അപേക്ഷിക്കുന്നതിനു മുമ്പ് അവർ ഉപ്പുപാത്തിയാക്കി കൃഷിചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): അതു എക്സൈസ് കമ്മീഷണരോട് ചോദിച്ചറിയണം.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): എക്സൈസ് കമ്മീഷണരോട് ചോദിച്ചു പറയുമോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): പറയാം.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): പാൽക്കുളം സർപ്ലസ് കാൽ അടച്ചു പുതിയകാൽ വെട്ടിയതിൽ പിന്നെ പുത്തളത്തിൽ ഉടപ്പുകരം ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): മറുപടി യിൽ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): അതിനുമുമ്പു പുത്തളത്തിൽ ഉടുപ്പുകൾ ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): ഇല്ല.

The Law College Hostel.

11. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total expenditure incurred every year for the three years 1098-1100 on account of the Law College Hostel;

(*b*) the strength of the Hostel on the 9th Vrischikam 1101;

(*c*) what led to the strike of the students of the Law College Hostel on the 9th Vrischikam 1101;

(*d*) the number of students who left the Hostel in consequence of the strike;

(*e*) the strength of the Hostel in the months of Dhanu, Makaram and Kumbham 1101;

(*f*) the amount of room-rent collected in Tulam and Vrischikam 1101; and

(*g*) the total loss to the Government because of the fall in the strength of the hostel after the strike?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*)

Year.	*Expenditure.* Rs.	Ch.	C.
1098	3,254	19	11
1099	3,670	24	1
1100	4,057	19	2

(*b*) 43.

(*c*) The strike is reported to have been the result of joint action by a majority of the members on account of disciplinary action taken by the then Warden against three of them. Such disciplinary action was necessitated by the following circumstances:—

(1) They openly defied the Warden.

(2) They attempted to compel the Warden by sheer force of numbers to re-entertain a cook who was dismissed for sufficient reason.

(3) They addressed an objectionable communication to the Warden asking him to withdraw the disciplinary action against one of the members of the Hostel of which notice had been given to him.

(*d*) 38.

(*e*) 5, 7 and 8 respectively.

(*f*) Rs. 157-14-0 in each month.

(*g*) Rs. 561, approximately. Although the hostel provides accommodation for 45 students, all who join the hostel do not remain there throughout the year. Some leave in the middle of the year and find lodgings outside.

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